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PREVALENCE OF POLIOMYELITIS.

The following table gives the number of cases of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) reported to the Public Health Service by State health officers from May 29 to August 20, 1921, inclusive. These reports are preliminary and necessarily incomplete.

Poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis)—Number of cases of poliomyelitis occurring in various States, as reported to the Public Health Service by the State health officers in weekly telegraphic or mail reports.

[States omitted are those from which no reports have been received or which have reported no poliomyelitis during the period covered. Leaders indicate that reports were received but no cases of poliomyelitis were reported.]

State.	Week ended (1921)—											
	June—				July—					August—		
	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20
Arkansas.....				1							7	7
California.....	1	1	2	5		3	3	6	10	4	9	4
Colorado.....										1		2
Connecticut.....				6	2	3	2	4	5	1	4	5
District of Columbia.....						3	4	3	7	3		
Florida.....										1		
Georgia.....		1	1		1							
Illinois.....		2	4	5	10	12	15	24	39	38	27	28
Indiana.....			2	1	1	1		6	8	5	2	3
Iowa.....					1	1	3	1	1	7	6	16
Kansas.....		1				2	2		1		1	3
Kentucky.....		1			1	2	2	1			(²)	
Louisiana.....									2			
Maine.....		3					1		1			1
Maryland.....			1	2	3	4	1	8	7	6	10	16
Massachusetts.....	1	2			1	3	6	4	10	10	12	18
Minnesota.....		1	1	2	10	1	3	5	101	81	48	62
Mississippi.....		1										
Missouri.....			(²)	6		(²)	8	3	4	5	3	2
Montana.....	1										2	
Nebraska.....		1			3		1	2	2		4	5
New Jersey.....		2	1	1	2	(¹)	3	1	6	7	6	8
New York.....				1		2	4	10	15	24	27	41
North Carolina.....	1		3		4	3	1			1	2	2
Ohio.....	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	27	(²)	(²)	(²)
South Dakota.....							3			2		1
Texas.....								(²)	3			
Vermont.....						3	1			3	2	4
Virginia.....		(²)	(²)	1		(²)	2	1	2	(²)	(²)	1
Washington.....												13
West Virginia.....										2	3	
Wisconsin.....	2				1	4	9	14	12	21	16	15

¹ Exclusive of Denver.

² No report received.

³ Exclusive of New York City.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH COMPARED.

COMPARISON OF DEATH RATES FOR PRINCIPAL CAUSES FOR MAY AND JUNE, 1921, AND FOR JUNE AND YEAR 1920, IN A GROUP OF INSURED PERSONS.

The accompanying table is reprinted from the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for July, 1921. It presents the mortality data of the industrial department of the company for the months of May and June, 1921, June, 1920, and for the year 1920. The figures are based on a strength of approximately 13,000,000 insured persons.

Although these rates apply to a more or less selected group, they are very good indices of the comparative mortality conditions of the general population.

Death rates (annual basis) per 100,000 lives exposed, for principal causes, May and June, 1921, and for June and year 1920.

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

Cause of death.	Death rate per 100,000 lives exposed.			
	June, 1921.	May, 1921.	June, 1920.	Year 1920.
Total, all causes.....	922.2	855.1	1,000.2	989.4
Typhoid fever.....	5.3	3.8	5.5	6.7
Measles.....	3.1	4.8	13.3	8.5
Scarlet fever.....	8.0	7.5	6.2	6.0
Whooping cough.....	3.9	3.8	7.2	6.6
Diphtheria.....	19.8	18.5	17.4	22.1
Influenza.....	4.2	9.8	16.3	53.5
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	124.3	125.0	160.9	137.9
Cancer.....	77.4	69.9	77.0	69.8
Meningitis (all forms).....	5.6	6.8	7.3	5.2
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	58.9	58.0	64.1	61.3
Organic diseases of heart.....	120.4	116.6	121.8	117.0
Pneumonia (all forms).....	55.1	71.0	75.4	106.1
Other respiratory diseases.....	13.9	13.3	17.1	18.2
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	13.6	9.5	13.9	15.8
Bright's disease.....	72.6	69.7	74.9	70.8
Puerperal state.....	20.9	17.8	22.1	23.0
Suicides.....	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.1
Homicides.....	7.6	4.6	6.5	5.8
Other external causes (excluding suicides and homicides).....	67.0	48.9	63.2	60.1
Traumatism by automobile.....	13.9	9.8	12.9	11.1
All other causes.....	222.8	188.4	222.4	188.9

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED AUG. 13, 1921.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Aug. 13, 1921, and corresponding week, 1920. (From the Weekly Health Index, Aug. 16, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

	Week ended Aug. 13, 1921.	Corresponding week, 1920.
Policies in force.....	47, 196, 166	43, 812, 306
Number of death claims.....	7, 104	6, 692
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force.....	7.8	8.0